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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ETRD UNCTAD IN

SUBJECT: FIRST UNCTAD PREPARETORY CONFERENCE ON COTTON

REF: STATE 119870

1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED SUBJECT MEETING WITH R. RAMAKRISHNA, JOINT SECRETARY (TEXTILES) IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. HE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH INDIAN DELEGATION HAD NOT YET BEEN DECIDED, HE PROBABLY WOULD BE GOI REPRESENTATIVE AT MEETING. HE COMPLAINED THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAD NOT YET SENT OUT ANY BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE FOR CONFERENCE.

2. RAMAKRISHNA SAID THAT HIGH INTERNATIONAL PRICE OF COTTON IN PAST FEW YEARS HAD BEEN MAJOR REASON FOR RISING IMPORT COSTS AND THE DEPRESSED STATE OF INDIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY (MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL SECTOR HERE.) HE WAS CRITICAL OF FLUCTUATIONS IN  
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INTERNATIONAL PRICE OF COTTON AND THOUGHT THAT STABILIZATION OF COTTON PRICES WOULD BE DESIRABLE. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT FAVOR AN INTERNATIONAL COTTON BUFFER STOCK TO STABILIZE PRICES BECAUSE HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE VIABLE. CALLING A BUFFER STOCK "ALMOST A NON-STARTER", RAMAKRISHNA POINTED OUT THAT DIFFERENT VARIETIES OF COTTON WOULD MAKE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BUFFER STOCK DIFFICULT. WHEN ASKED HOW INTERNATIONAL COTTON

PRICES COULD BE STABILIZED WITHOUT SUCH A STOCK, HE SAID HE  
DID NOT KNOW.

3. WE QUERIED RAMAKRISHNA ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS DOMINATED BY  
A FEW PRODUCERS AND IN FACT WAS DEPENDENT ON THE UNITED STATES.

4. COMMENT: RAMAKRISHNA IS A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND  
ACCESSIBLE BUREAUCRAT. HE SHOULD BE A GOOD CONTACT POINT FOR  
THE US DELEGATION AT THE COTTON CONFERENCE.  
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